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In re Patent No. 6,355,861	: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Issue Date: March 12, 2002	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) AND
Application No. 08/934,254	: REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF
Filed: September 19, 1997	: CORRECTION
Attorney Docket No. 8383ZYXWVU	:

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 27, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.78 seeking to add a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to nonprovisional Application No. 08/366,779, filed December 30, 1994, by way of a certificate of correction.

The petition is **granted**.

This application was filed before November 29, 2000. In applications filed before November 29, 2000, it is the version of 37 CFR 1.78 which was in effect as of November 29, 2000 that applies.

A review of the file record fails to disclose that a claim for the benefit of priority to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional application was made during the prosecution of the instant application.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.78 along with submission of a Certificate of Correction, is the appropriate avenue of relief to accept a late claim for the benefit of priority to a prior-filed nonprovisional application after issuance of the application into a patent. See MPEP 1481.03(II).

As the petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional application satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78, the petition is granted.

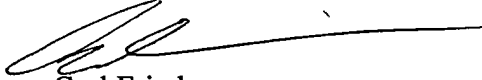
A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the above-noted, prior-filed nonprovisional application, accompanies this decision on petition.

Petitioner is advised that the granting of this petition and the mailing of a corrected Filing Receipt should not be viewed as an indication that a determination has been made that this application is entitled to claim benefit of the prior-filed application. A determination that

applicant is entitled to claim benefit of the prior-filed application will be made by the Examiner prior to the mailing of a certificate of correction.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to Carl Friedman at (571) 272-6842.

This application is being referred to the Certificates of Correction Branch for processing the request for a certificate of correction in accordance with this decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).



Carl Friedman  
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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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**CONFIRMATION NO. 7246**

## CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please submit a written request for a Filing Receipt Correction. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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### Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 08/789,936 01/28/1997 PAT 5,789,220  
which is a CIP of 08/307,382 09/14/1994 PAT 5,552,306  
which is a CON of 07/959,952 10/13/1992 ABN  
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which is a CIP of 07/774,475 10/10/1991 ABN  
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**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 11/18/1997**

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 08/934,254**

**Projected Publication Date:** None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request: No**

**Title**

PRODUCTION OF GAMMA LINOLENIC ACID BY A DELTA 6 DESATURASE

**Preliminary Class**

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